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Evaluation reports and management responses

The Executive Board

1. *Recalls* Executive Board decision 2015/10 and welcomes the United Nations Evaluation Group professional peer review of the evaluation function of UNICEF: Final report, including the main findings, recommendations and suggested actions;

2. *Welcomes* recent steps taken by UNICEF to strengthen its evaluation function, but notes with concern that the overall assessment of the peer review rated the UNICEF evaluation function either "short of being satisfactory" or "close to satisfactory" against the three core principles of independence, credibility and utility;

3. *Also welcomes* the commitment of UNICEF to develop a new evaluation policy incorporating actions to strengthen these core principles and, recalling decision 2017/9 in which the Executive Board requested further harmonization between United Nations agencies, to allocate a minimum of 1 per cent of resources to evaluation;

4. *Takes note* of the evaluation of UNICEF's response to the Ebola outbreak in West Africa 2014-2015, including the main findings, conclusions and recommendations;

5. *Welcomes* the commitment of UNICEF to implement and report on actions to strengthen key functions and programming approaches to better prepare for and respond to health emergencies, including the secondary consequences and specific effects on children.

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